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In re the Application of: Timothy Bean et al.

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Application No.: 09/259,981

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For: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ROUTING A TRANSACTION WITHIN A NETWORK  
ENVIRONMENT

(title)

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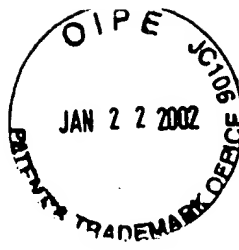


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2001, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and to consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) A method of routing a transaction, the method including:  
receiving a transaction request associated with the transaction;

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